

(ii) A CO instrument will be considered to be essentially free of CO<sub>2</sub> and water vapor interference if its response to a mixture of three percent CO<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub>, which has been bubbled through water at room temperature, produces an equivalent CO response, as measured on the most sensitive CO range, which is less than one percent of full scale CO concentration on ranges above 300 ppm full scale or less than 3 ppm on ranges below 300 ppm full scale (see § 86.1322).

(3)(i) Using a methane analyzer consisting of a gas chromatograph combined with a FID, the measurement of methane shall be done in accordance with SAE Recommended Practice J1151, "Methane Measurement Using Gas Chromatography." (Incorporated by reference pursuant to § 86.1(b)(2).)

(ii) For natural gas vehicles, the manufacturer has the option of using gas chromatography to measure NMHC through direct quantitation of individual hydrocarbon species. The manufacturer shall conform to standard industry practices and use good engineering judgement.

(c) *Alternate analytical systems.* Analysis systems meeting the specifications of subpart D of this part may be used for testing required under this subpart, with the exception of §§ 86.346 and 86.347, provided that the systems in subpart D of this part meet the specifications of this subpart. Heated analyzers may be used in their heated configuration.

(d) *Other analyzers and equipment.* Other types of analyzers and equipment may be used if shown to yield equivalent results and if approved in advance by the Administrator.

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**§ 86.1312-88 Weighing chamber and microgram balance specifications.**

(a) *Ambient conditions.* (1) *Temperature.* The ambient temperature of the chamber (or room) in which the particulate filters are conditioned and weighed shall be maintained at 295 K  $\pm$  3 K (22 °C  $\pm$  3 °C) during all filter conditioning and weighing.

(2) *Humidity.* The humidity of the chamber (or room) in which the particulate filters are conditioned and

weighed shall be maintained at a dew point temperature of 282.5 K  $\pm$  3 K (9.4 °C  $\pm$  3 °C) and a relative humidity of 45%  $\pm$  8%. Either the dew point temperature or the relative humidity or both may be averaged over the preceding 10 minute period on a moving average basis.

(3) The chamber (or room) environment shall be free of any ambient contaminants (such as dust) that would settle on the particulate filters during their stabilization. It is required that at least two unused reference filter pairs remain in the weighing room at all times in covered (to reduce dust contamination) but unsealed (to permit humidity exchange) petri dishes. These reference filter pairs shall be placed in the same general area as the sample filters. These reference filter pairs shall be weighed within 4 hours of, but preferably at the same time as, the sample filter pair weighings.

(4) If the average weight of the reference filter pairs changes between sample filter weighings by more than 40 micrograms, then all sample filters and background filters in the process of stabilization shall be discarded and the emissions tests repeated.

(5) If the room (or chamber) environmental conditions are not met, then the filters shall remain in the conditioning room for at least one hour after correct conditions are met prior to weighing.

(6) The reference filter pairs shall be changed at least once a month, but never between clean and used weighings of a given sample filter pairs. More than one set of reference filter pair may be used. The reference filters shall be the same size and material as the sample filters.

(b) *Weighing balance specifications.* The microgram balance used to determine the weights of all filters shall have a precision (standard deviation) of 20 micrograms and readability of 10 micrograms.

(Secs. 202, 203, 206, 207, 208, 301a, Clean Air Act, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 7521, 7522, 7525, 7541, 7542, 7601a)

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